

Maryland Energy Administration
Maryland's Green Building Tax Credit
Qualifications for the Tax Credit

Prerequisites

1. Building Type

Eligible Building:

- ✍ Must be located in Maryland, **and**
 - ✍ Primarily non-residential with at least 20,000 sq. ft. of interior space; **or**
 - ✍ Residential multi- family building with at least 12 dwelling units, containing at least 20,000 sq. ft.;
- or**
- ✍ A combination of the two above

2. Building Location

In the case of new construction: (Choose one)

- ✍ Located on a qualified brownfields site; **or**
- ✍ Located in a priority funding area and not on wetlands

In the case of a rehabilitation of a building: (Choose one)

- ✍ Located in a priority funding area or on a qualified brownfields site; **or**
- ✍ Not an increase of more than 25% in the square footage of the original building size

3. The initial credit certificate shall only apply to projects that are **not registered with the US Green Buildings Council **and** have not yet started construction..**

Green Whole Buildings, New Construction: Standards and Methods for Determining Compliance.

A green whole building, newly constructed, is a building that:

1. Uses not more than 65 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building which meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under

ASHRAE 90.1-1999;

2. At a minimum, is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for a rating of “Gold” in the LEED 2009 New Construction Rating System (LEED-NC 2009);
3. Is certified as meeting the requirement to qualify for the following credits in the LEED-NC 2009 Rating System:
 - a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8-Light Pollution;
 - b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3-Water Use Reduction;
 - c. Materials and Resources, Credit 2-Construction Waste Management; and
 - d. Energy and Atmosphere, Credits 1 through 6, with at least 20 points within this category.
4. A green whole building shall comply with all applicable State, county, and local regulations governing the construction of a building and related processes.

Green Whole Buildings, Rehabilitated: Standards and Methods for Determining Compliance.

A green whole building, rehabilitated, is a building that:

1. Uses no more than 75 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building which meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under ASHRAE 90.1-1999;
2. At a minimum, is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for a rating of “Gold” in the USGBC’s LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations and Maintenance 2009 (LEED-EB 2009).
3. At a minimum, is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for the following credits in the LEED-EB 2009 Rating System:
 - a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8-Light Pollution Reduction;
 - b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3-Water Efficient Landscaping;
 - c. Materials and Resources, Credit 9-Solid Waste Management- Facility Alternations and Additions; and
 - d. Energy and Atmosphere, Credit 1 thorough 6, with at least 20 points within this category.

Green Base Buildings: Standards and Methods for Determining Compliance.

A. A green base building, **newly constructed**, is a building that:

1. Uses not more than 65 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building that meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under ASHRAE 90.1-1999;
2. At a minimum, is certified as having attained a minimum of “Gold” in the LEED 2009 for Core and Shell Development (LEED-CS 2009) Rating System;
3. At a minimum, is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for the following credits in the LEED-CS 2009 Rating System:
 - a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8-Light Pollution Reduction;
 - b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3-Water Use Reduction;
 - c. Materials and Resources, Credit 2-Construction Waste Management; and
 - d. Energy and Atmosphere, Credits 1through 6, with at least 20 points within this category.

B. A green base building, **rehabilitated**, is a building that:

1. Uses not more than 75 percent of the energy attributable to a reference building that meets the requirements of applicable energy efficiency standards under ASHRAE 90.1-1999;
2. Is certified as having attained a minimum of “Gold” in the USGBC’s LEED for Core and Shell Development 2009 (LEED-CS 2009) Rating System;
3. Is certified as meeting the requirements to qualify for the following credits in the LEED-CS 2009 Rating System:
 - a. Sustainable Sites, Credit 8-Light Pollution Reduction;
 - b. Water Efficiency, Credit 3-Water Use Reduction;
 - c. Materials and Resources, Credit 2-Construction Waste Management; and
 - d. Energy and Atmosphere, Credits 1through 6, with at least 20 points within this category.

C. A green base building, newly constructed or rehabilitated, shall comply with all applicable State, county, and local regulations governing the construction of a building and related processes.

Checklist

- **Eligible building type**
- **Eligible location**
- **Meets the listed green building standards**
- **Include all documents for Initial Credit Certificate application**
- **In addition a paragraph explaining how the money will be spent on energy efficiency enhancement of the buildings**